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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated 09-02-2008 finally rejecting Claims 1-4, 10, 12-17 and 28-37 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
2. A Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review accompanies this Notice of Appeal.
3. The costs of filing this Notice of Appeal and the Petition for Extension of Time are being paid on-line via EFS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP777USNP/SJM.

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